MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): How can he be? I have stated that no one could be in the list of acting men until he had actually been taken into the Account Office.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): What is the duration of these two appointments?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer now.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): As things are at present?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): How can I say, Sir, about the duration of the acting men?

PRESIDENT: Probably, the member wants it collectively, adding the two together.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): It is stated in reply to parts (*a*) and (*b*) that none has been appointed in a substantial capacity. So, what I say is that these two appointments should cease some time or other.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I may tell the member that there may be a number of acting men with a number of years of acting service and we cannot say anything about their duration of office.

Report of the Navigation Special Officer.

279. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report of the Navigation Special Officer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The report is not available now as it is in the Press.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know when this report was submitted to Government by the Special Officer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikom*): In answer to my question No. 94, the Government have stated that the report has only just been received and is being printed. Am I to understand that the report from that date to this date is in the Press?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The proofs were sent to the Chief Engineer for revision and he has finally passed them. So, it is now in the course of printing.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know when the Government expect it from the Press?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Very soon.

History of Services.

280. MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state why, in the History of Services published by the Government, the age of officers not confirmed in their respective appointments is omitted?

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(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to arrange for this defect being rectified?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Information as to the age in the case of those who are merely officiating in gazetted posts is not, as a rule, available in the Account Office until the officers are confirmed.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Government Museum and Public Gardens.

281. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications have been received for the Directorship of the Museum and Public Gardens during the last two years (1100 and 1101), whether they have been disposed of, and, if so, how?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend appointing a full-time Director for the said institution in addition to the present full-time Superintendent doing duty as Honorary Director as well?

(3) Are the Government aware of the practice in Madras, Calcutta, Bombay and Mysore of placing similar institutions under a Superintendent without any Director above him?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) One application was received in 1101 and the applicant was then told that there was no vacancy.

(2) No.

(3) No.

Filling up of Mr. Natesa Aiyar's Vacancy.

282. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why permanent arrangements have not been made to fill up the place of the Chief Engineer which has fallen vacant on the retirement of Mr. K. V. Natesa Aiyar;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that an Assistant Engineer has been put in charge of the Public Works Department, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, his rank and pay in the Public Works Department;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that there are two Executive Engineers in the department who draw a monthly salary of Rs. 800 each;

(*d*) whether it has not been the practice to put the seniormost Engineer in the service in charge of the Chief Engineer's duties when the Chief Engineer's place falls vacant; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, why the practice or rather the principle has been departed from in this case?

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